

a small quantity of *salol*, a newish drug, with directions for its use, and his master Hadji undertook to make him take it regularly, and hot tea when he fancied it, and at the end of twenty-two hours he was not only free from fever hut from pain, and was able to mount a mule.¹

There are two definite objects of interest close to the plain of Chaman Kushan, the reputed source of the Karun and the great artificial cleft of Kar Kanun. I visited the first on a misty day, which exaggerated the height of the mountains, and by filling their chasms with translucent blue atmosphere gave a rare loveliness to the whole, for it must be said that the beauties of Persian scenery are usually staring, hard, and unveiled. The fords of two or three rivers, including the Karun, some steep ascents and descents, a rough ride along a stony slope of the Zard Kuh, and the crossing of a very solid snow-bridge took us to the top of a cliff exactly opposite the powerful springs in which the Karun has its reputed origin.

Over this source towers the mighty range of the Zard Kuh,—a colossal mountain barrier, a mass of yellow and gray limestone, with stupendous snow-filled chasms, huge precipices, and vast snow-fields, treeless and destitute of herbage except where the tulip-studded grass runs up to meet the moisture from the snow-fields. It is the birth-place of innumerable torrents, but one alone finds its way to the sea.

These springs are in a lateral slit in a lofty lime-

stone precipice below a snow-field, at
one end of

¹ For the benefit of other travellers I add that the
dose of *salol* was
ten grains every three hours. I found it equally
efficacious after-
wards in several cases of acute rheumatism with fever. I
hope that the
general reader will excuse the medical and surgical notes
given in these
letters. I am anxious to show the great desire for
European medical aid,
and the wide sphere that is open to a medical missionary,
at least for
physical healing.